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Title: **VIRTUAL FOLDERING SYSTEM FOR BLENDING PROCESS AND CONTENT
IN A COLLABORATIVE ENVIRONMENT**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please enter the following.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-27. Please add new claims 28-54. The claims are as follows:

1-27. (Canceled)

28. (New) A database comprising a plurality of tables, each table comprising at least one column and at least one row, said plurality of tables describing a plurality of components of a hierarchy in which hierarchical relationships between components of the hierarchy are defined, said database stored in a computer system, said plurality of tables comprising:

a component table encompassing all components of the hierarchy, wherein the components of the hierarchy encompass a plurality of component types, and wherein the at least one column of the component table comprise a component_id column that identifies each